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The fee set in 37 CFR 1.17 for this extension of time is \$110.00. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge this and any other fee which may be required, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-2955. A triplicate of this paper is enclosed.

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